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Office Action Summary

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Status

Responsive to communication(s) filed on 2/17/98.

This action is FINAL.

Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under Ex parte Quayle, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

Claim(s) 22 - 25 is/are pending in the application.

Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

Claim(s) 23 - 25 is/are allowed.

Claim(s) 22 is/are rejected.

Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction or election requirement.

Application Papers

See the attached Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948.

The proposed drawing correction, filed on _____ is approved disapproved.

The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are objected to by the Examiner.

The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 (a)-(d)

Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).

All Some* None of the CERTIFIED copies of the priority documents have been received.

received in Application No. (Series Code/Serial Number) _____.

received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

*Certified copies not received: _____.

Attachment(s)

Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper No(s). 3 Interview Summary, PTO-413

Notice of References Cited, PTO-892 Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152

Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948 Other _____

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DETAILED ACTION***Drawings***

1. This application has been filed with informal drawings which are acceptable for examination purposes only. Formal drawings will be required when the application is allowed.

This office action has been created under the Patent and Trademark Office Semiconductor Technology Quality Assurance Pilot Program. It incorporates the examination quality standards set as a result of customer focus sessions with the semiconductor industry. The listing of the field of search to follow is one of these standards.

Field of Search	Date
U.S. Class and subclass: 438/107,108,128,129,598,599	06-03-98
Other Documentation:	
Electronic data base(s):	

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless --

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. Claim 22 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Seefeldt et al. US 4,978,633.

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Seefeldt et al., discloses a process of arranging contact pads on a die including determining the number of I/O cells and power cells and arranging them linearly and repeating including four corner regions, with power groups located in each region.

4. Claims 23-25 are allowed.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kevin Picardat whose telephone number is (703) 308-1097. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday from 7:30 AM to 6:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Charles L. Bowers Jr., can be reached on (703) 308-2417. The fax phone number for this Group is (703) 305-3432.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-1782.



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